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SUBJECT: 1975/76 SENIOR SCHOLAR EXCHANGE--BECKWITH PLACEMENT

1. EMBOFF AGAIN RAISED SUBJECT OF BECKWITH PLACEMENT WITH SEMYONOV
APRIL 7, FOLLOWING UP ON MARCH 16 LETTER. SEMYONOV PRODUCED A
LETTER FROM MIN CULT INFORMING MHE THAT MIN CULT COULD NOT AGREE TO
BECKWITH PLACEMENT AT GLINKA MUSEUM, A MIN CULT INSTITUTION.

2. EMBOFF ASKED SEMYONOV IF REJECTION WAS, THEREFORE, TO BE INTERPRETED AS COMING FROM MIN CULT AND NOT MHE AND INQUIRED WHETHER
MIN CULT HAD PROVIDED REASON(S) WHY THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT BECKWITH.
SEMYONOV SAID FINAL DECISION WAS INDEED MIN CULT'S AND THAT NO
REASON WAS GIVEN FOR IT.

3. ZASEDATL PIPED IN AT THIS POINT, SAYING THAT MIN CULT "PROBABLY"
REFUSED BECKWITH BECAUSE IT WAS "UNHAPPY WITH HIS ACTIVITIES
DURING, AND THE RESULTS OF, HIS EARLIER RESEARCH VISIT TO
THE USSR."

4. DANILIN (SEMYONOV'S DEPUTY) AT THIS POINT ASKED WHAT
BECKWITH'S FIELD WAS AND, WHEN TOLD BY EMBOFF THAT IT WAS IN FIELD
OF MUSIC, HE MUMBLED "WHAT COULD HE HAVE DONE THAT WAS UNACCEPTABLE
IN A FIELD LIKE THAT? DO YOU (ZASEDATL) KNOW THIS TO BE
TRUE OR ARE YOU JUST GUESSING?" ZASEDATL REPLIED IN A LOWERED
VOICE THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD THIS BY MIN CULT REP. HE DID NOT
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GO INTO DETAILS. WHILE BRIEF DANILIN-ZASEDATL EXCHANGE WAS

GOING ON, SEMYONOV TRIED TO DISTRACT EMBOFF'S ATTENTION FROM

IT.

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